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SUBJECT: UN OPI PRESS RELEASE ON INDOCHINA APRIL 25

1. TEXT OF APRIL 25 UN PRESS RELEASE ON INDOCHINA FOLLOWS:

QTE: SECRETARY-GENERAL OFFERS UNITED NATIONS FACILITIES
TO INDO-CHINA PARTIES

SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM SAID THIS WEEK THAT, IF
THE PARTIES TO THE INDO-CHINA CONFLICT WISHED TO USE UNITED
NATIONS FACILITIES TO END IT, THESE WERE THEIRS FOR THE
ASKING.

MR. WALDHEIM ALSO AGAIN STRESSED THE RELIEF OPERATION THE
UNITED NATIONS IS CARRYING ON FOR ALL SIDES AND TO WHICH
HE SET AN IMMEDIATE TARGET FIGURE OF \$100 MILLION LAST WEEK.

IN NEW YORK AND CHICAGO ADDRESSES (18 AND 23 APRIL) HE
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SAID THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HUMANITARIAN EFFORT SEEMED THE

BEST WAY TO EASE THE PLIGHT OF MILLIONS OF HUMAN BEINGS.

"IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING", HE ADDED, "THAT I SHALL CONTINUE THROUGH WHATEVER CHANNELS ARE AVAILABLE TO ME TO MAKE THE FACILITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AVAILABLE TO ALL OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT, IF THEY WISH TO MAKE USE OF THEM, FOR THE PURPOSES OF PUTTING AN END TO THE CONFLICT AND ALLEVIATING THE VAST HUMAN SUFFERING WHICH IT HAS CAUSED. COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING ARE VITAL IN SUCH A SITUATION. FOR THIS REASON, I AM MAKING THE UTMOST EFFORT TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH ALL PARTIES IN THIS GREAT HUMAN TRAGEDY."

LAST FRIDAY, 18 APRIL, A UNITED NATIONS SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT MR. WALDHEIM HAD SENT A REPRESENTATIVE TO HANOI FOR TALKS ABOUT THE WHOLE VIETNAMESE SITUATION WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE AND PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT (PRG) AUTHORITIES. HE IS RAYMOND AUBRAC, A FRENCH NATIONAL ON THE STAFF OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO) WITH SEVERAL DECADES OF VIETNAMESE EXPERIENCE.

AT A PRESS BRIEFING ON THURSDAY, 24 APRIL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, WHILE MR. WALDHEIM WAS IN CONTACT WITH THE HANOI AND SAIGON GOVERNMENTS AND THE PRG, NO UNITED NATIONS OFFICIAL, AS FAR AS HE KNEW, HAD YET BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE KHMER ROUGE OR THE NEW AUTHORITIES IN PHNOM PENH.

EARLIER IN THE WEEK (21 APRIL) THE SPOKESMAN SAID MR. WALDHEIM THOUGHT THE 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET-NAM HAD A NUMBER OF PROVISIONS WHICH, IF USED, COULD STILL PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

THE FOLLOWING DAY, COMMENTING ON FRANCE'S APPEAL FOR NEGOTIATIONS ACCOMPANIED BY A CEAS-FIRE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID MR. WALDHEIM "WELCOMES AND SUPPORTS ANY MOVE THAT COULD LEAD TO THE END OF THE FIGHTING AND TO PEACE IN THE AREA". THE TALKS URGED BY FRANCE WOULD SEEK TO CARRY OUT THE PARIS ACCORD, AND IN PARTICULAR TO SET UP THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD IT PROVIDED FOR.

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MEANWHILE RELIEF SHIPMENTS BY THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND (UNICEF) AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) CONTINUED, WITH FOOD, MEDICINE, AND OTHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES GOING IN BY AIR THROUGH SAIGON AND HANOI, AND ONE SHIPMENT -- OF POWDERED MILK -- ARRIVING BY SEA AT DA NANG.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE, ALESSANDRO

CASELLA, VISITED DA NANG LAST WEEK AND REPORTED THAT LIFE

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